

### REMARKS

Claims 11, 12, 14-20, 81, 83-100, 103-116, 118-126, 128-129 and 130-144 remain pending in the application, with claims 11, 81, 108, 118 and 119 being independent. Claims 82, 101, 102, 117 and 127 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 130-144 were newly presented in the previous response. Claim 11 has been amended to correct an informality. No new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

#### Non-Responsive Amendment

The Office objects to the use of single brackets in identifying the text of deleted subject matter in claim 11. As requested, double brackets have been used to obviate the objection.

In addition, remarks submitted in the previous response dated July 31, 2007 are incorporated herein by reference.

### CONCLUSION

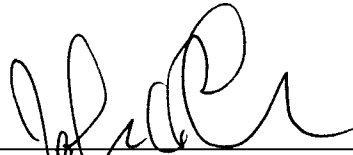
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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